

## THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

## Home of the Cannibals and Head Hunters in the Southern Pacific.

The Solomon group of islands, recently annexed by England, is the largest and as yet least known of any in the Pacific ocean, though among the very first to be discovered. There are seven or eight large, mountainous islands varying in length from 70 to 100 miles, and a great number of smaller islands, ranging from 15 to 30 miles in length, down to the tiny coral islet one-half a mile across.

The Solomon Islanders are of a mixed race, varying between an almost pure Malay type and the darker skinned Polynesian. Though they are not cannibals, they stand in other respects by no means low in the scale of savages. The men are as a rule tall and well formed, and the women, in their youth, are handsome and attractive, though the drudgery which falls to their lot soon ages and hardens their looks. Indeed, the condition of women among them, as in most savage races, is one of absolute subjection. The wife is the absolute slave. She is completely in the power of her husband for life or death. If goods be stolen from the house, she is responsible to her lord in the first case, not the thief. Wives are bought and sold just like other commodities.

It was on one of these islands that Mr. Bates, an English yachtsman, landed from his vessel and started into the woods. He never came back. A small party vainly searched for him, and for years trade goods landed on the island were done up in wraps on which were printed the words, "Bates, we are looking for you." It was also on one of the Solomon group that an unfortunate Italian was kept as a slave for a number of years, until he finally got a chance to escape to New Britain where at last he counts he was living among the natives, his mind almost wholly destroyed by his sufferings of earlier years.

Head hunting is still carried on to some extent in connection with cannibalism, but much more from the simple desire of the chiefs to accumulate skulls as a token of power or prowess. It has also a sacrificial aspect. In case of the death of a chief a head must be provided, and the launching of a new war canoe or the completion of a bamboo house must be signalled in the same way. Within the radius of the head hunting forays no native can be said to enjoy security of life for a single day. The custom is now carried on less openly than of old.

## Not Willing to Fight.

At the time the anti-American fever in Chili was at its height a large dinner party was given, exclusively attended by gentlemen. There was present a jovial Californian who was in the country distinctly to make money and avoid trouble. He had a fund of comic yarns and spun them incessantly, his evident purpose being to allay as much as possible the local ill feeling toward the Yankees and their flag. A young Chilean captain who sat facing the Californian at last fired in a bitter remark against Americans for their alleged interference in the late civil war. The Californian good humoredly protested, his remarks being a general denial of the charge. "You are a liar!" suddenly said the Chilean, looking calmly and determinedly into the face of his vis-a-vis. There was instant consternation throughout the table.

The Californian wiped his lips, threw down his napkin and slowly rising quivered a moment and hissed, "Do you mean that, sir?" The Chilean arose also, folding his arms, while his face showed ugly satisfaction at having secured a long sought fight. "I do!" he replied defiantly. "Then, by heaven, sir, you are saved!" shouted the Californian, "for I will not be trifled with." Amid the universal laughter the young captain was pulled into his seat, all hands being satisfied that it was impossible to get a senseless fight out of the commercial spirited American.—Fred May in New York Press.

## Good Words For the Donkey.

Of all horseflesh, so to speak, the patient, little, commonplace, every day ass takes the lead. There is no denying him the palm. Were I a Homer, or a Dante, or even a rhyme, to the character, strength and courage of this nobel of the race. In every country where severe economies are thrust upon the people, the donkey comes to the rescue and does the work which no other creature alive can do. He lives on nothing. He is rarely fed—in times of drought or severe work some barley—but is turned loose to find what he may. He is never vicious or obstinate, but works faithfully till his poor old ears flop downward from age, and he literally falls under his load and dies in his tracks, after serving his often cruel master some score or more of years. When he is put to work as a yearling, he does not last so long. I have ridden one at 18 months which had been trained but two weeks, and yet was gentle, bridelwise and well galloped. Where is there such a horse?—Colonel T. A. Dodge in Harper's.

## The Advertising That Is Effective.

It is constant advertising that produces an effect, although the spasmodic announcement may have a force peculiar to itself. A boy sees his father every day and is naturally influenced by the example which is perpetually before him. He goes to the theater but occasionally. The effect of the latter, being more striking, may be proportionately more effective. Many people protest that it is unnecessary to continue the advertising of well known articles. They cannot understand why it is continued. They declare it does not influence them, but the manufacturers know better. The man who denies that he is influenced by advertising constantly before him deceives himself, and his very protest is proof of it.—Hardware.

## Cane With Lamp.

A German inventor has produced an electric cane lamp. The handle of the cane contains an incandescent lamp, the two poles of which are connected with the plates of a battery. Below this is a small chamber to carry the battery fluid. When it is desired to use the lamp, the cap is taken off and the cane inclined so that the liquid it contains comes in contact with the electrodes. A current is thus produced that will, it is asserted, keep the light going for an hour.—New York Telegram.

## Terrible Action of Remorse.

A sportsman who stole a deer from him a few months ago received the following letter the other day:

DEAR SIR—I stole your money. Remorse has my conscience, and I send you a sovereign. When remorse has again, I will send you some more.

—London Tit-Bits.

## Agricultural Implements For Europe.

The export of agricultural implements to European countries is steadily on the increase. To Great Britain and Germany there is an increase of about 30 per cent within two years. To the Argentine Republic the exports have quadrupled. Our reapers and self binders are lighter of draft, cheaper and about 25 per cent cheaper than the English article. In plows the English makers do not properly drill the points, and this renders their iron brittle. It is said that Americans could extend their trade in plows if they would adopt the iron beamed style so much used abroad. Wagons and buggies cannot be sold abroad unless they have an "undercut." Otherwise we make the correct article.—Hardware.

## General Advertisements.

## THOS. G. THRUMS' UP TOWN Stationery-Book Store

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Still keeps on hand a varied stock of Office, Commercial and Fashionable Stationery, consisting in part of Engraving and Legal papers and wrappers, Flat and folded Cap, broad and narrow Bill, Statement, Journal and Ledger papers; Lined and other letter and note papers in fold or tablet form, with or without envelopes; Island View Letter paper and Ball Note Paper; Correspondence, Menu, View and Visiting Cards, etc., etc., replenishing the same from time to time and adding novelties as they appear.

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A large stock of Seaside and other libraries on hand, and new novels received by every mail. Artists' Drawing Materials, and a full supply of Winsor & Newton's oil colors, brushes, canvas, stretchers, etc., kept on hand or procured on short notice.

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For all aspiring enthusiasts in the profession; all grades.

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## Printing—Printing orders of all kinds, executed in first class manner. In all the above lines in which T. G. T. has been for over twenty years identified in this city, he invites correspondence, and guarantees prompt and careful attention to all orders entrusted to him.

In making up an order, see that it includes a subscription for yourself and for one or more relatives or friends abroad to "The Friend," the oldest paper published in the Pacific, Rev. S. E. Bishop, Editor; published monthly, at \$2 per annum, devoted to the religious and educational interests of these islands, as also a recorder of political and other current events. Sample copies mailed to any address. A limited number of advertisements inserted at reasonable rates.

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J. Emmeluth & Co.

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Always on Hand.

## FRESH GOODS

Per Every Steamer and Sail.

## SPECIALTIES!

Cheese, Lard, Hams, Butter, Codfish, Milk, Onions, Crackers, Potatoes, Salmon, Macaroni, Corn Meal, Pickled Skipjack, Alvicore, Herrings, Flour, Grain and Beans.

AND ALL KINDS OF

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## Laundry Soap

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One Hundred Pounds.

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Manufacturers and Dealers in All Kinds of

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Send a SAMPLE ORDER and try our goods.

A. F. COOKE,

Manager and Proprietor Hawaiian Fertilizing Co

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## MERCHANT TAILOR,

No. 50 Merchant Street, Honolulu.

Fine suits from \$14 up. Lined and Crepe suits, \$6.50 up.

ALL SUITS GUARANTEED TO FIT AND IN THE LATEST STYLE

CLOTHES CLEANED AND REPAIRED.

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## General Advertisements.

## WHY YOU WANT THE "STAR!"

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The STAR is a new paper and has introduced Californian methods of journalism into Hawaii, where, before its advent, the Massachusetts newspaper traditions of 1824 held sway. It has three prime objects:



To support the cause of Annexation of Hawaii to the United States and assist all other movements, political, social or religious, which are of benefit to these Islands and their people.

To print all the news of its parish without fear or favor, telling what goes on with freshness and accuracy, suppressing nothing which the public has the right to know.

To make itself indispensable to the family circle by a wise selection of miscellaneous reading matter.



As a commentator the STAR has never been accused of unworthy motives.

As a reporter the STAR has left no field of local interest ungleamed.

As a friend of good government the STAR has been instant in service and quick to reach results.

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50 Cents  
A Month  
In Advance.

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## Steel Plows,

made expressly for Island work with extra parts.

## CULTIVATORS' CANE KNIVES.

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## Carpenters', Blacksmiths' and Machinists' Tools,

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No trouble to show goods.

CASTLE &amp; COOKE, Importers and Commission Merchants.

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Purveyors to the United States Navy and Provisioners of War Vessels.

FAMILY GROCERIES. TABLE LUXURIES. ICE HOUSE DELICACIES.

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Nature's Grandest Wonder.

## The Popular and Scenic Route

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Fitted with Electric Light, Electric Bells, Courteous and Attentive Service

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